Difficulties in procuring urea for Rabi Crop.

6598. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are facing difficulties in getting sufficient urea for this Rabi crop and have to purchase it in black market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Rabi 1995-96 season will commence on 1st October 95. During the Rabi 1994.95 season, except for temporary and localised shortages in some States, the overall availability of urea in the country was adequate with reference to the assessed demand of the States as reflected in the allocation made for the sason under he Essential commodities Act, 1955 (ECA) These localised shortages arose due to low opening stocks for Rabi 1994-95 change in the demand pattern induced by favourable metrological conditions, production cutbacks in some units, occasional slippages in the arrival of vessels of imported urea and movement problems.

(c) The following steps were taken to improve the availability of urea during the last Rabi season:

(i) The indigenous production of urea was optimised by deferment of the shutdown and revival of production in the 3 sick units of Hindustan Fertiliser Limited (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI).

(ii) The pace of arrival of imported urea was stepped up and its handling at ports expedited.

(iii) Despatches of urea from plants/ports were accelerated.

(iv) Monthly despatches of urea were programmed in consultation with the State Governments and the supplies were intensively monitored to ensure timely and equitable distribution of the available material in conformity with the current demand of the States.

Formulation of Admission Policy in Engineering and Medical Colleges

6599. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a uniform policy for admission to engineering and medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education and Medical Council of India are statutory authorities respectively for Technical and Medical Education. Admission to Engineering and Medical Colleges are, therefore, governed by the regulations of these authorities.

गुजरात में जनजातीय शिक्षा योजना

6600. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने वर्ष 1994–95 के लिए राज्य में जन-जातीय शिक्षा हेतु 70 करोड़ रुपए आबंटित किए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या केन्द्र सरकार गुजरात को इस राशि की आधी राशि राज्य में जनजातीय शिक्षा हेतु देने के लिए सहमत हो गई है और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने गुजरात सरकार द्वारा शुरू की गई जनजातीय शिक्षा योजना की कोई जांच की है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग एवं संस्कृति विभाग) में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजी) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं । गुजरात सरकार ने सामान्य शिक्षा के लिए 3435 लाख रुपये की कुल राज्य योजना की राशि में से जनजातीय वार्षिक योजना 1994-95 के अन्तर्गत 772.62 लाख रुपए प्रदान किए हैं।

(ग) जी नहीं।

Irregularities in National Open School

6601. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious irregularities have been going on in the National Open School (NOS);

(b) if so, the number of irregularities that have come to light and the action taken thereon by Government:

(c) whether the paper of Shreyans Paper Mills supplied to NOS worth 1 crore of rupees was found substandard on a laboratory test;

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter;

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "NOS-national open scandal?" appearing in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 16th January, 1995; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof; and the action taken thereon by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (f) Some complaints regarding irregularities in the functioning of National Open School have been received by the Govt. The attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "NOS-national open scandal?" that appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 16th January, 1995. It has been reported by National Open School that the correspondent did not verify or check the data/information with the authorities of the National Open School (NOS) before publishing the news-item. Government has taken up the examination of the complaints of irregularities in the NOS and action would depend on the outcome of it. In so far as issue regarding supply of paper to NOS by Shreyans Paper Mills is concerned it has come to the notice of the Government that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has collected some files pertaining to the purchase of the paper from NOS in connection with a preliminary enquiry. Further action against the deliquent official(s) of NOS. if found necessary after completion of CBI's enquiry/investigation, will be taken by the Disciplinary Authority under the extant Rules and Bye-laws.

AID for Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi

6602. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any aid to the Kendriya Vidyalaya during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 for the maintenance work for school buildings, i.e. Civil and and Electrical work and how much amount have been given to INA. Central School, Gole Market, Central School and JNU, Central Schools during the above period and how much maintenance work have got done by the school authorities during the above mentioned period;